PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a four month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Missing Pasrt. Their response is thus due today, December 7, 2004.

By the signature of their undersigned representative, Applicants authorize the Patent and Trademark Office to debit Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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